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1. The amendments filed with the letter dated 13.04.2004 introduce subject-matter which extends beyond the content of the application as filed, contrary to Article 123(2) EPC. The amendments concerned are the following:
 - "a control interface arranged to control .." in claim 1 : according to the description page 2, line 8, the control interface is just there to allow communication, and is as such not in control of communication.
 - "an overload condition of said control interface" in claims 1, 6 and 14 is not supported by the description. In the description only an overload condition on the platform (page 2, line 21) is disclosed. Only on page 2, lines 11-16 is the control interface overloaded, but it is not clear what is done in that condition.
 - "to limit loading of the control interface" in claims 1-3 and 14; the description only discloses limiting loading of the platform.
 - "arranged to have access to said control interface" in claim 5. ?
 - claim 11 should be rephrased as in original claim 7.
 - in claim 15, "at the control interface" should be deleted twice.



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Page 1 and 1a of the description should be adapted accordingly, Rule 27(1) c EPC.

2. The subject-matter of claim 1 is not new, Article 54(1) EPC.

The introduced amendment that is allowable (see paragraph 1 above) is the feature of having a control interface that allows communication between the platform and a service provider. However, this feature is also disclosed by D1, see page 80, left-hand column, last paragraph, lines 5-7 or implicit on page 81, right-hand column, lines 29-31.

This additional feature is also disclosed by D3, see col. 5, lines 22-30.

As a consequence, all the features of claim 1 are disclosed by D1 and D3 (see international preliminary examination report, Section V, paragraph 1) and therefore is claim 1 not allowable under Article 52(1) EPC.



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An international preliminary examination report has already been drawn up for the present application in accordance with the PCT. The deficiencies mentioned in that report give rise to objections under the corresponding provisions of the EPC.

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